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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND BURGESSES, OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLASTONBURY.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S
REPORT FOR 1961.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to
you my Annual Report for the year 1961. This is in accordance with
Circular M.O.H. 1/62

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S .

POPULATION: Register General's Estimate

5,796 (1961 Census)
5,770 in 1961.
5,440 in 1960.

LIVE BIRTHS. M. F.
Legitimate 39 52
Illegitimate 1 1

Live Birth Rate.
per 1,000 of the estimated
resident population.
15.99 in 1960. 16.11 in 1961.

STILL BIRTHS.
Legitimate 2 2
Illegitimate 1 -

Still Birth Rate.
per 1,000 Live and Still
Birth Rate. 51.02

TOTAL OF LIVE
AND STILL
BIRTHS.
Legitimate 41 54
Illegitimate 2 1

INFANT DEATHS. (deaths under one year).

Nil.

INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births. Nil.
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births. Nil.
Illegitimate Infant Deaths " " illegitimate live births. Nil.

NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE.

(deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births). Nil.

EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE.

(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births). Nil.

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE.

(stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000
total live and still births). 9.09

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS PER CENT OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS. 1.04

MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

Number of Deaths. Nil
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births. Nil

<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Death Rate.</u> per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. 10.29 in 1960. 9.70 in 1961.
	27	29	56	



NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS):-

Disease	Total Cases Notified.
Measles.	35
Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever)	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	0
Meningococcal Infection.	0
Dysentery.	0
Whooping Cough.	0
Acute Primary Pneumonia.	0
Acute Infulenzal Pneumonia.	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.	0
Erysipelas.	0
Food Poisoning.	0
Diphtheria.	0
Membranous Croup.	0
Enteric and Paratyphoid Fever.	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	0
Acute Encephalitis.	0
Typhus.	0
Typhoid Fever.	0
Small Pox.	0
Cholera.	0
Malaria.	0
Plague.	0
Anthrax.	0
Other diseases notifiable locally, e.g. Chicken Pox.	0

T U B E R C U L O S I S .

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1961 - All Ages.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>TOTALS.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases of Tuberculosis on Register at the end of 1960.	13	10	5	4	18	14
Total on Register at end of 1961.	9	6	3	1	12	7

W A T E R S U P P L Y .

Quality. The supply is hard. Galvanised Iron, Polythene and Copper service pipes are used and no difficulty is experienced due to plumbo-solvent action. Permanent Chlorination Plants (Chloramine Process) are in continuous operation.

Quantity. No shortage was experienced in 1961.

WATER SUPPLY. (continued)

Piped supplies - results of samples taken for analysis:-

RAW WATER				TREATED AFTER GOING INTO SUPPLY			
BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL		BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL	
Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
-	-	-	-	32	9	2	-

Water supplies from mains:-

	DIRECT TO THE HOUSES			BY MEANS OF STANDPIPES		
	Public	Water Companies	Private	Public	Water Compan- ies	Private
(a) Number of Dwellings.	-	1,944	-	-	1	-
(b) Population.	-	5,784	-	-	6	-

Note:- The above figures of the number of the population supplied from public water mains is based on the 1961 Census Figure of 5,796 Population.

Number of Houses (including isolated farms)
relying on a private well supply. ...Two.....

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Extensions and Improvements during the year.

No extensions or improvements were carried out during the year.

Sewage and Trade Waste Disposal Scheme.

The Sewage and Trade Waste Disposal Plant continues to work satisfactorily, but as a result of discharge of Trade Waste in excess of the quantities for which the works were designed, it may be necessary for extensions to be carried out, and the Council's Consulting Engineers have been instructed to investigate the matter and report.

FOOD POISONING.

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred in the Borough during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was taken under this section during the year.

REGISTERED COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

No registered common lodging houses within the Borough, therefore no action necessary during the year.

HOME HEALTH SERVICES.

It should be noted that the provision of Home Health Services is the responsibility of the County Council and not of the Local Authority in this area.

Two full-time and one part-time Nurses are responsible for the nursing in the area and in addition for the nursing of one neighbouring Village, in general, their work consists principally of:-

1. Visiting the sick of all ages in their homes and giving such general attention and especial treatments as are required.
2. Ante-Natal care of Midwifery and the conduct of domiciliary midwifery with and without a doctor.
3. Work in conjunction with the School Medical Schemes.
4. Infant Welfare Work and routine visits to children of pre-school age.
5. Domiciliary visits for the purpose of giving insulin, liver extract, and other injections.
6. Routine visits to elderly house bound people.

The principle increase in work has occurred in Ante-Natal, Midwifery and Infant Welfare Departments and it is not found that the giving of routine or other injections is a heavy call.

HEALTH OF CHILDREN.

There is an Infant Welfare Clinic which is held on the first, third and fourth Wednesdays in the month, the Medical Officer of Health attending the first two sessions.

A voluntarily "Moral Welfare Society" operates in the area and pays particular attention to cases where there is a threatened break-up in the family or children are in need of supervision, and their parents advice. No Scheme is administered by the Local Authority.

ANTE-NATAL CARE.

Ante-Natal care is provided by the patients own Doctor under the provisions of the National Health Act and, in addition, the District Nurses hold regular weekly Ante-Natal Clinics.

Instruction in relaxation classes is given by the District Nurses and at clinics regularly held at Butleigh Hospital by qualified Physiotherapists.

SMOKING AND LUNG CANCER.

No Action taken.

DOMICILIARY HEALTH SERVICES.

See Home Health Services above.

(1)	Number of houses included in Clearance Areas for which Orders are still to be made.	Nil.....
(2)	Number of Houses in Clearance Areas which have been patched for temporary accommodation under Section 48 of the Housing Act, 1957.	Nil.....
(3)	Number of Houses closed or demolished under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Clearance Areas).	Nil.....
(4)	Number of houses demolished or closed (a) under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.	
	(individual unfits)	10.....
	(b) for other purposes (road improvements etc.)	1.....
(5)	Number of temporary dwellings (huts etc.) demolished	Nil.....
(6)	Number of houses declared unfit under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 (capable of repair)	Nil.....
(7)	Number of Houses made fit during year.	3.....
(8)	Number of unfit houses occupied under licence.	Nil.....
(9)	<u>Rent Act, 1957 (1st Schedule)</u>	
	Certificates of Disrepair:-	
	(a) Number of applications received.	Nil.....
	(b) Number of Certificates issued.	Nil.....

	Houses erected during year		Houses in course of erection		Gained from conversion of large houses or buildings into flats or dwellings.	Lost from conversion of two or more houses to one.
	For Slum Clearance	For other Purposes	For Slum Clearance	For other purposes		
Local Authority	8	19	6	16	-	-
Private Enterprise	-	32	-	38	2	-

Number of Post-War Houses erected from 1st April, 1945, to 31st December, 1961.		Housing Programme for 1962	
By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes.
351	223	9	-

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|-----|--|-----------------|-----|
| (a) | Number of temporary housing units occupied:- | (i) Prefabs... | Nil |
| | | (ii) Huts Etc.. | Nil |
| (b) | Number of houses found overcrowded..... | Nil | |

Houses required:-

- (i) To replace houses scheduled for demolition.....25
- (ii) To abate overcrowding.....Nil
- (iii) For other purposes...145 (Taken from Council Housing List).....
- (iv) (a) Total number of applications for Council Houses at the end of the year.....148.....
- (b) If applications classified give number of (i) urgent bona fide cases.....Nil.....
- (ii) others.....Nil.....
- (v) Total number of Council Houses sold during the year...Nil.....

No. of permanent dwellings in District as at 31.12.60. (a)	Gained from conversions and erected during 1961. (b)	Total (a) + (b)	Less Houses demolished, closed, etc. during year.	No. of permanent dwellings in District as at 31.12.61. L.A. P.E.
L.A. 528	27	555	555	555 1,392
P.E. 1,366	34	1,400	1392	
Totals 1,894	61	1,955	1947	555 1,392

OLD PEOPLE'S DWELLINGS.

Number erected to 31.12.61.		No. in course of erection.		Number of applicants for Old People's Dwellings.
With County Council Aid.	Without County Council Aid	With County Council Aid.	Without County Council Aid	
23	-	-	4	25

Since the War, up to the end of 1961 a total of 351 new dwellings have been completed by the Local Authority, 223 by Private Enterprise and 53 units of accommodation have been provided by conversion, adaptation or reconstruction, making provision for 627 families in all.

Up to the end of 1961 action has been taken under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957, in respect of 118 houses, and in all cases the Owners gave written undertakings in accordance with the Act not to relet them for human habitation when they became vacant. At the end of the year 6 of these dwellings remained occupied. Five dwellings have been reconstructed and brought back into use as dwellings. Fifty-two Houses have been demolished.

Negotiations were opened during the year for the purchase of houses and land on the North side of Hill Head, for the purpose of demolition of the houses and redevelopment of the area, involving 2½ acres.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

A. Discretionary.

Number of applications and houses dealt with by Local Authority during year:-

(1) Received		(2) Approved	
Applications	No. of Dwellings	Applications	No. of Dwellings
5	6	5	6

NOTE. - Number of applications approved in respect of
Owner/Occupiers during year. 3.....

Average cost per dwelling approved during year.£251.....

Amount of grant payable by Local Authority. 50%.....
subject to a
maximum of
£400 per
dwelling.

B. Standard.

1. Number of Applications (a) Received.....7.....
(b) Approved.....7.....
2. Number of Houses where Standard Amenities have been
provided. Four...One.in.hand,.and.two.....
applications not proceeded with.

Since the 31st July, 1949, up to the end of 1961,
78 applications had been received and approved
in respect of Discretionary Improvement Grants,
two applications received and rejected and
18 applications in respect of Standard Grants
had been received and approved and one application
received and rejected. Twenty-five dwellings
had been gained as a result of the conversion of
large houses or buildings into flats.

F O O D.

MILK

- (a) Number of Registered Distributors.....7.....
- (b) Number of Registered Dairy Premises (other than Dairy Farms).....2.....

DESIGNATED MILK SAMPLING.

Tuberculin Tested.	35 samples taken.	27 satisfactory.
Sterilised.	2 " "	2 "
Pasteurised.	34 " "	32 "

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered for:-

- (a) Manufacture and retail.....One.....
- (b) Manufacture only.....Nil.....
- (c) Retail only.....47.....

Number of Samples Taken.

Grade 1.	94
Grade 2.	8
Grade 3.	-
Grade 4.	-

PREMISES FOR PREPARATION OF FOOD.

Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and
Drugs Act, 1955, for the preparation of food.....17.....

FOOD PREMISES IN THE BOROUGH.

Meat.	6
Bakers.	2
Milk.	2
Cafes.	5
Hotels.	5
Grocers.	21
Greengrocers.	8
Fishmongers.	2
Fish and Chips.	1
Confectionery.	14

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

Twenty-eight food premises inspected during 1961 under the above Regulations and informal notice given where necessary.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

Meat unfit for human consumption is disposed of to firms connected with the manufacture of glue fertilisers etc., as referred to in Circular M.F. 10/54, or sterilised prior to being sold for Animal Food. Other condemned food is disposed of to local processors of waste food or by burying on the Corporation's Refuse Tip.

THE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS (PREVENTION OF CRUELTY) REGULATIONS, 1958.

No Action taken during year.

THE SLAUGHTERHOUSES (HYGIENE) REGULATIONS, 1958.

No Action taken during year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

	<u>Number.</u>	
	<u>Licensed</u>	<u>Operating</u>
Private Slaughterhouses.	One	One

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

No action necessary during the year.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956.

All Farmers within the Borough notified of the Act, especially Section 3, and asked that they take the necessary action to comply with this Section of the Act.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during year:-

	Cattle including Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs	Horses.
Number killed (if known)-	471	26	1,934	835	-
Number inspected	471	26	1,934	835	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	3	3	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	54	-	30	112	-
Percentage of the number affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	11.5%	11.5%	1.7%	13.65%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for:-					
(a) Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other.	636	180	270	461	-
Total (in lbs.) condemned.	636	180	270	461	-

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	52	22	-	-
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises.	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	52	22	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three, or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	3	2 1 in hand	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	2 1 in hand	-	3	-

O U T W O R K.

Nature of WORK	SECTION 110			SECTION 111		
	No. of out- workers in August list re- quired by Section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of pros- ecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instan- ces of work in unwhole- some premises.	Notices served	Prose- cutions
Wear- ing App- arel Mak- ing etc.	178	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS AND MATTERS DEALT WITH.

Visits and Inspections.

Housing and Sanitary defects. (including Council Houses)	324
Drainwork and Alterations to Premises.	82
Factories Act.	22
Food and Drugs Act. (including Ice Cream Premises).	199
Rodent Control.	113
Infectious Diseases.	-
Refuse Removal and Disposal Works.	37
Sewers, Sewage Works, Pumping Stations and River Pollution.	310
Public Conveniences.	89
Water Supplies, Reservoirs and Pumping Stations.	70
New Houses (Private Enterprise and Council).	98
Improvement Grants. (Private Enterprise and Council).	117
Slaughterhouses.	203
Disease of Animals (Waste Foods Order), 1957.	4
	1,668

Matters Dealt With.

Water Closets installed.	61
Lavatory Basins installed.	86
Baths installed.	74
Sinks installed.	61
Existing W.C.'s fitted with flushing cisterns.	-
Premises Disinfected.	1
Unfit Houses Closed or Undertakings not to relet.	8
Rats and Mice Infestations.	
Private Premises.	92
Refuse Tip.	15
Sewage Works and Pumping Stations.	3
Sewers.	3
Condemnation of Unsound Foodstuffs - Certificates issued.	67
Factories Act - Defects Remedied.	2
Samples of Water Taken for Chemical Analysis.	2
Samples of Water Taken for Bacteriological Analysis	41
Samples of Ice Cream Taken for Bacteriological Analysis.	102
Samples of Sewage taken for Chemical Analysis.	14
Number of Written Informal Requests Issued.	9
Number of Statutory Notices Served.	1
Houses provided with entirely new drainage systems.	59
New premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream.	-

We are,
Your obedient servants,

T. H. A. PINNIGER.

Medical Officer of Health.

S. W. KING.

Public Health Inspector.

